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# **Presentation Outline**

- What is the Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA)?
  - Purpose, design, and example data sets
  - Recent roles
- Arctic Activities and Partnerships
  - Incorporating Arctic Communities' Data
  - Canadian Partnerships and Activities
  - Arctic Council's Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Working Group
- Upcoming Plans

# Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA®)

#### **Functions**

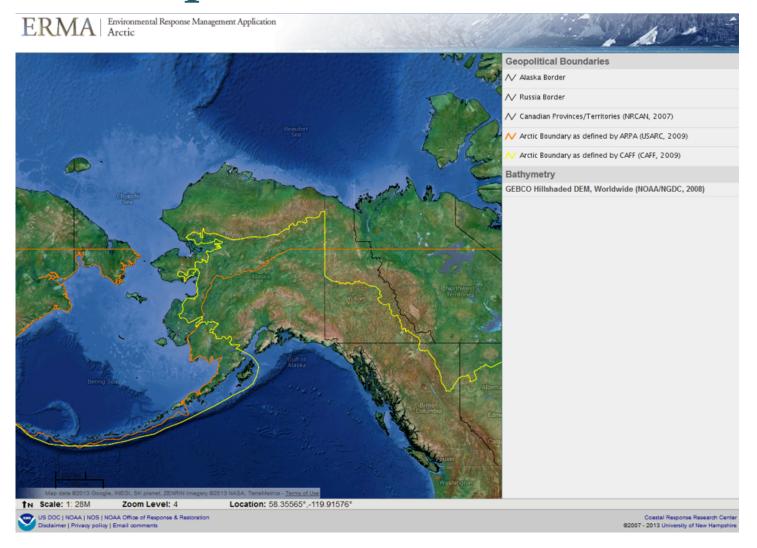
- Web-based mapping tool
- Analyze and visualize environmental information
- Prepare for, respond to, assess impacts from hazardous incidents or conditions
- Increases communication, coordination, and efficiency

#### Website

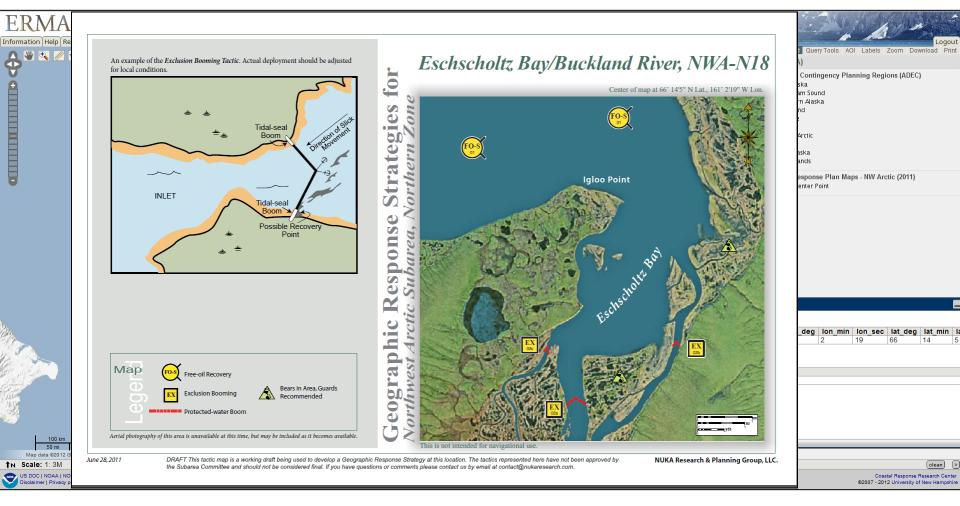
• Arctic: https://www.erma.unh.edu/arctic



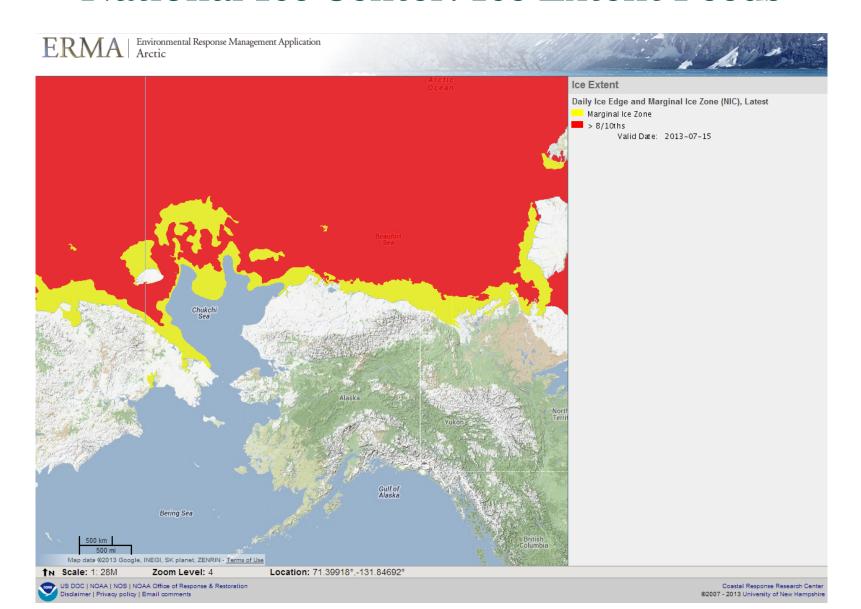
# Geopolitical boundaries



# Geographic Response Plans

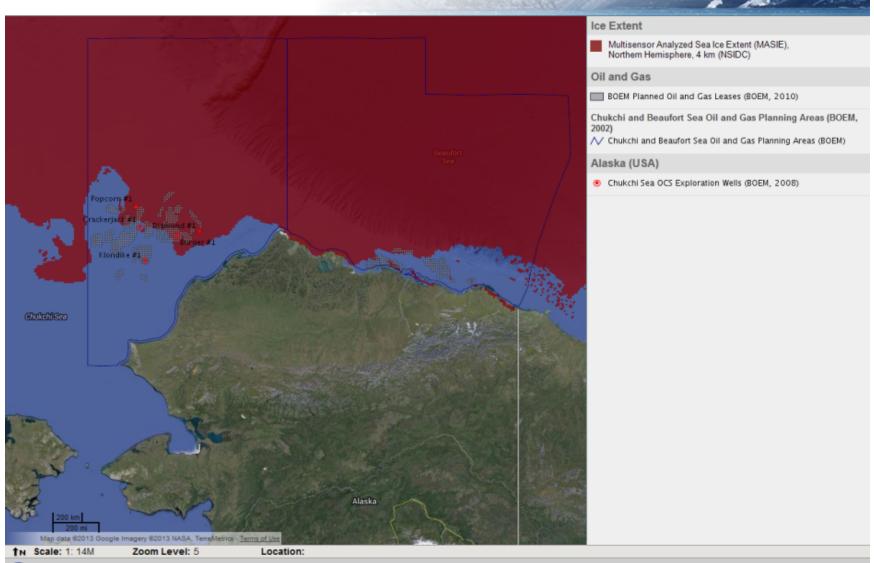


#### National Ice Center: Ice Extent Feeds

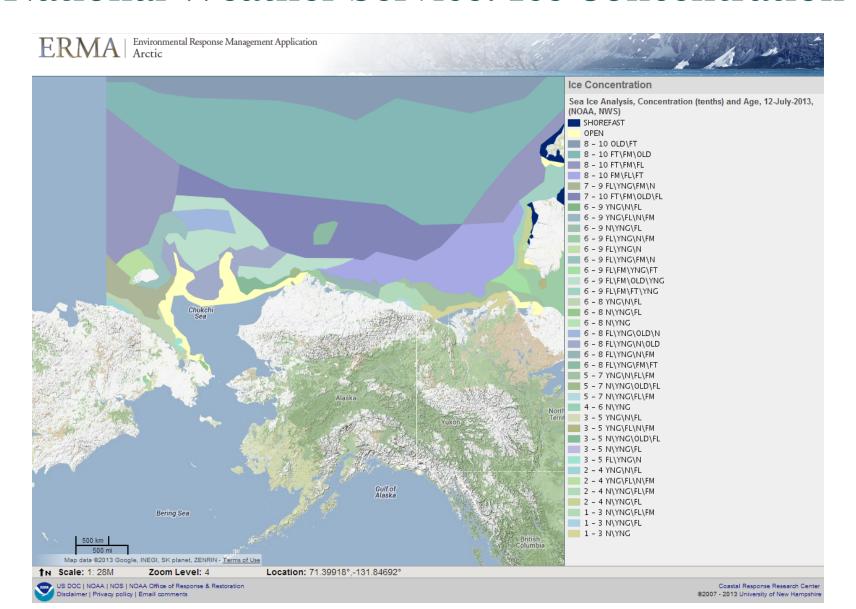


## NSIDC Multisensor Analyzed Sea Ice Extent

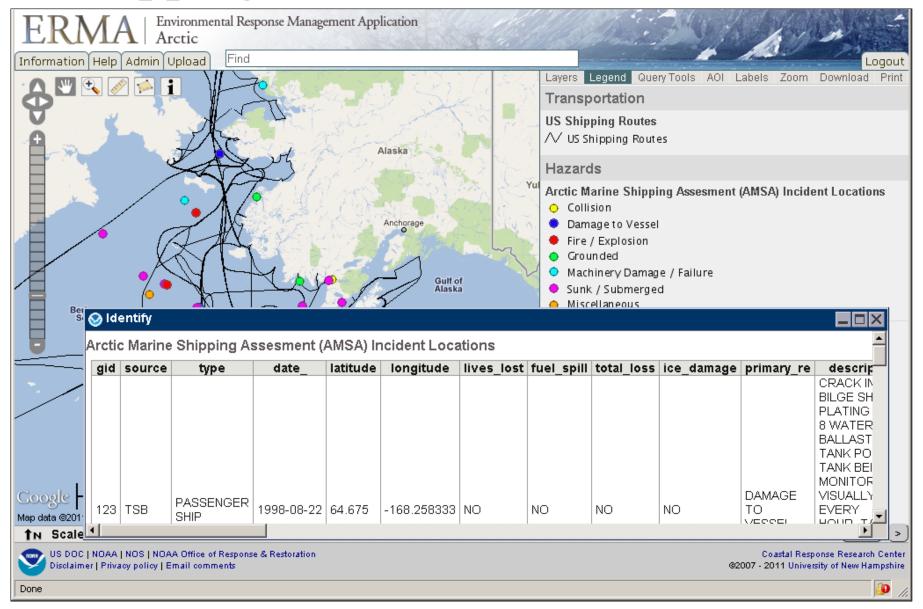
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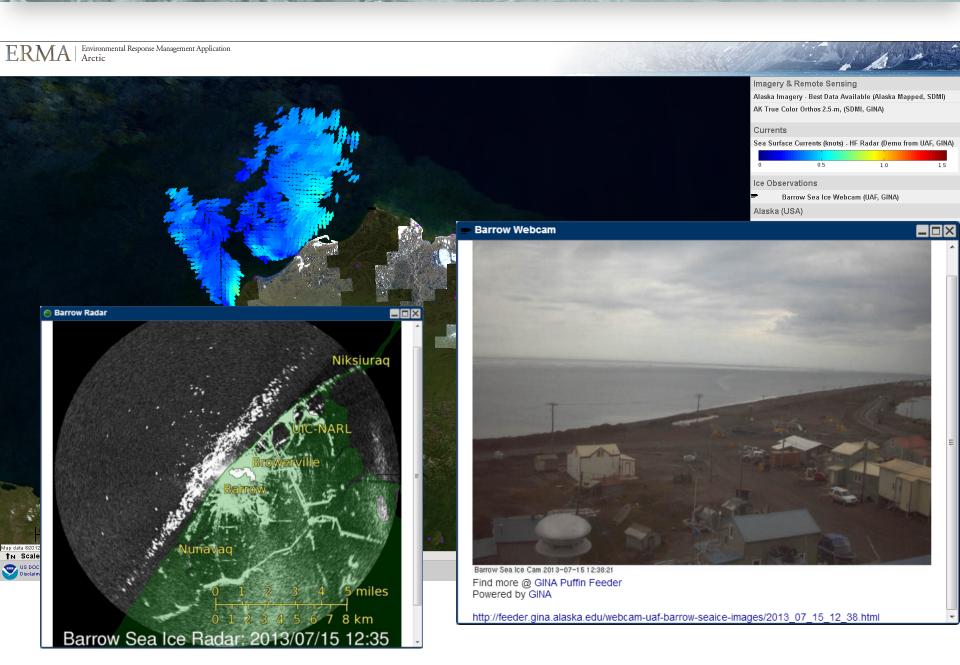


#### National Weather Service: Ice Concentration

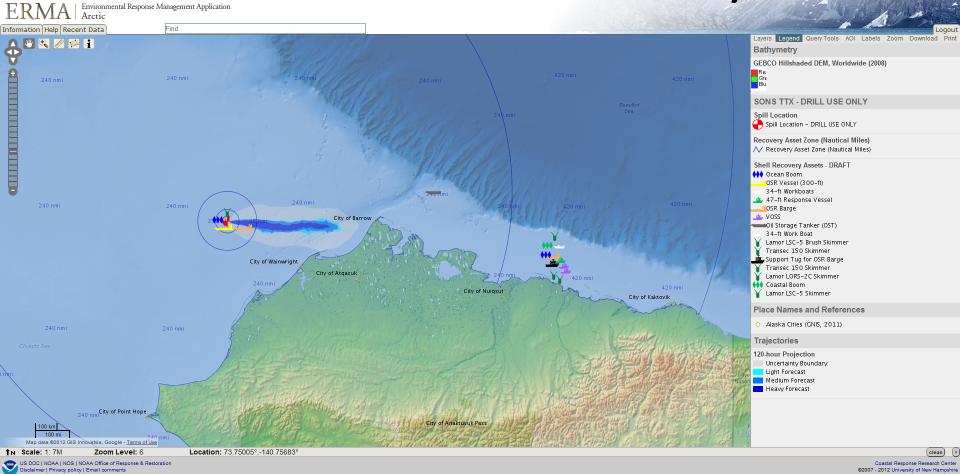


# Shipping Routes & Incident Locations





**Incident: Exercise Only** 



# Subsistence and Traditional Knowledge in ERMA

A series of communications....

- 1) Anchorage, 2011 Major stakeholder workshop
- 2) Northwest Arctic Borough, 2012 All 11 Villages Participated
- 3) North Slope Borough (Barrow, AK), 2012 All 8 Villages Participated
- 4) University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013 (Wainwright/Barrow)
- 5) Inuvialuit Region (Edmonton, AB), 2013

# **Current Activities**

- Continue to work with Northern Communities to incorporate traditional knowledge
- EPPR Progress
  - Workshop in Edmonton, CA focused on Canadian data sets and Canadian scenarios
  - EPPR delegation invited. AC Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI). Will be sharing data and metadata between ERMA and SDI, where appropriate.
  - AC Aviation Transportation Infrastructure Initiative AMATII.
  - DoD/NASA/NOAA Arctic Collaborative Environment
- NOAA/Environment Canada Project under a Memorandum of Understanding
- Stand Alone Arctic ERMA available
- Supported Kulluk Grounding and CANUSLANT Drill (Jun 2013)

# **Edmonton Workshop**

Feb 12-13, 2013 · Edmonton, AB

#### Goals

 Bring together data providers/users to improve oil spill preparedness; identify data sources/priorities for Arctic ERMA; improve joint preparedness and response strategies in the Arctic

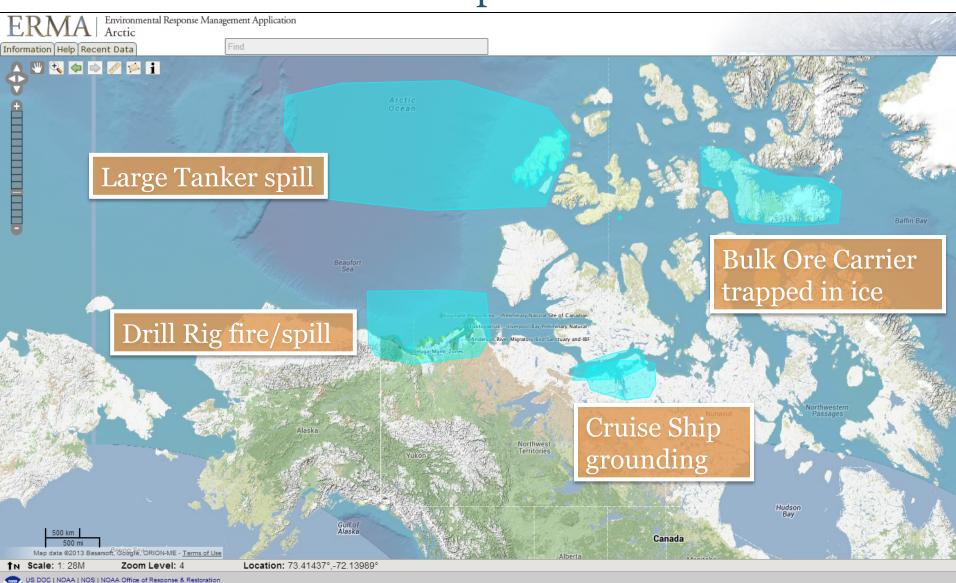
#### **Scenarios**

• Mass Search and Rescue (SAR), SAR/pollution in a sensitive area, burning offshore rig, large spill in open water (Beaufort Sea)

#### **Participants**

 Canadian and US organizations (government, Joint Secretariat, village elders, World Wildlife Fund, academia)

## **Edmonton Workshop Scenario Locations**



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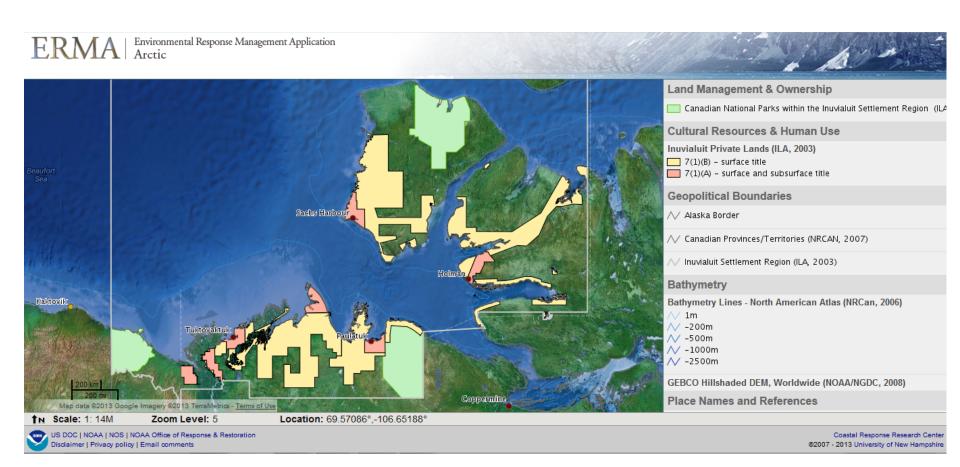
# Workshop Outcomes

- Better understanding of NOAA and EC capabilities, systems, data management practices, and challenges
- Long list of high priority datasets, agreed to share between Canada and the US:
  - Oceanographic/meteorological/bathymetric
  - Infrastructure
  - Shoreline characteristics/sensitivities
- Established strong working relationships—ongoing discussions on data acquisition, protection, and community involvement
- Developing work plan with EC and Joint Secretariat

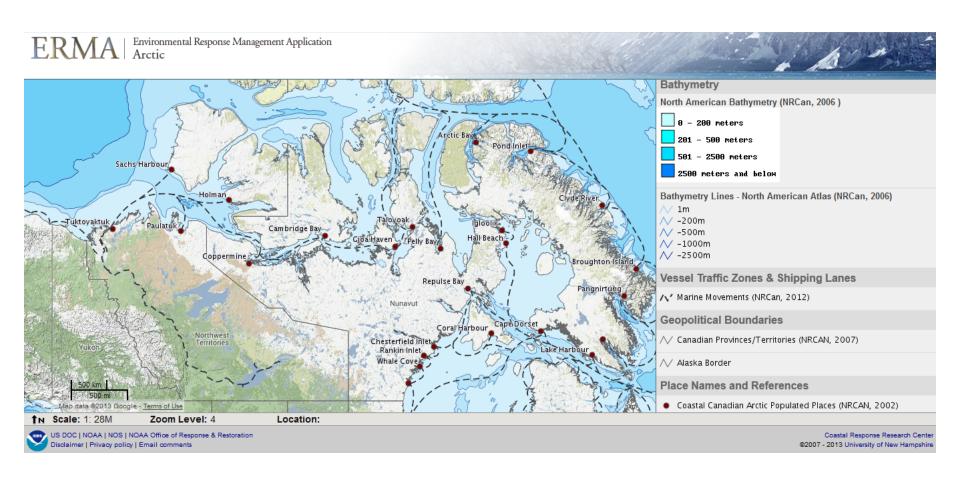
Workshop Materials Available at:

http://www.crrc.unh.edu/workshops/erma\_canada/index.html

# New Data since Edmonton Workshop



# Canadian Data (NRCan) con' t



# Alaska ShoreZone



## Stand Alone Arctic ERMA

- Allows the set-up of ERMA in a command post or remote location without Internet
- Test in "Arctic Shield" Exercise Sept 2013 onboard USCGC Healy
- Arctic Shield Objectives:
  - Search above and below an ice flow, detect spilled oil, produce data to be used to plot the safest course to the spilled oil, deploy a brushed skimmer to recover the spilled oil and monitor the recovery operation (above and below the ice) to ensure complete recovery.
  - Evaluate use of UAS, UAV, Skimmer deployments, ROV,
     Ruttar Radar System, and ERMA.

# Next Steps for Arctic ERMA

- Continue finding mechanisms for working with the Arctic Communities
- Developing best practices for data sharing with partners
  - Data sharing agreements and data management
  - Continue to test sharing of data among Canadian, and Shell mapping systems, as well as ACE, AOOS
- Incorporate AMATII data
- Perform Test case with AC Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) connections
  - Work toward a polar view
- Test Stand-Alone Arctic ERMA (Sept 2013)

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# Federal Arctic ERMA Committee

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#### State of Alaska

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#### **Academia**

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Northwest Arctic Borough
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Council
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Joint Secretariat

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